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In Re Application:

Dunn-Coleman et al.

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For: **BGL4 BETA-GLUCOSIDASE AND NUCLEIC ACIDS
ENCODING THE SAME**



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Preliminary Amendment

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Sir:

Prior to examination, applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments.

In the specification:

In the specification after page 43 insert pages 1-4 enclosed herewith.

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On page 7, please replace the paragraph starting on line 5 with the following:

Figure 2 shows the predicted amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:2) based on the nucleotide sequence provided in Figure 1 (SEQ ID NO:2).

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On page 18, please replace the paragraph starting on line 26.

A Basic BLASTN search (www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/BLAST) of the non-redundant nucleic acid sequence database was conducted on September 11, 2001, with the *bg/4* gene sequence presented in Figure 1 (SEQ ID NO:1), indicated no sequences producing significant alignments (i.e. with an E value of less than 10^{-5}).

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